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## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

This photograph shows a police officer making an illegal right turn from Rochester High Street into Star Hill. The photograph has emerged just two weeks after police warned that motorists making the same manoeuvre will receive a £30 fine in a bid to stop drivers from taking the dangerous short cut. Police chiefs have launched an internal investigation. Rochester resident Ian Hutchinson said measures should be taken to protect pedestrians crossing near the busy junction.

## EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

RED-faced police chiefs have launched an internal investigation after an officer was caught making an illegal right-turn at a busy junction.

This photograph – handed exclusively to Yourmedway – shows a PC defying the 'no right turn' signs at the end of Rochester High Street to speed up Star Hill.

It came to light just two weeks after police warned motorists who take the same short cut that they face a £30 fine.

Chief Inspector Dave Coleman vowed: "I will ensure this specific incident is fully investigated internally."

The photo was taken by Rochester Police and Communities Together (Pact) panel member Ian Hutchinson as part of his research into the dangers of the illegal right turn.

The Rochester resident said: "I was stunned when I saw the police officer turn right."

"I was just taking photographs of the junction when the police car come towards me from the High Street with its right indicator on."

"There were no blue lights and no siren. You can see how quickly the officer was driving by the angle of the car's wheels."

"I'd like to see the driver receive a £30 fine. It should not be a case of one rule for them and another rule for us."

Mr Hutchinson, who has produced a 25-page document on the Star Hill junction, described

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# Rebellious MP backs Gurkhas' right to stay

BY SIMON ROBINSON

VETERAN Labour MP Bob Marshall-Andrews has once again rebelled against the government line – this time helping to secure a shock victory for Gurkhas' rights.

The Medway MP – who has announced plans to stand down at the next General Election – was one of 27 Labour MPs to back the Liberal Democrats' motion offering all Gurkhas equal right of residence in the UK.

The Government's current policy only allows Gurkhas with 20 years' service to stay in the UK – a policy which permits only a small minority of Gurkhas who have served this country the right to stay here.

The revised motion, heard on Wednesday, April 29, was passed by a margin on 267 to 246.

Gillingham and Rainham MP Paul Clark and Chatham and Aylesford MP Jonathan Shaw voted against the proposal.

Explaining his decision to side with the opposition, Mr Marshall-Andrews said: "There were three reasons why I voted against the Government.

"First of all I agree very strongly with the opinion that the Gurkhas regiment is a special case, undeniably so. The connection with the British Army is so close.

"It seems to me manifestly wrong to deny the rights they want.

"The second point is the Government's argument against the Gurkhas is totally flawed and in many ways contradictory.

"Finally there is the local association the Gurkhas have with the Medway towns and the number of Gurkhas that still remain living here.



**VOTE:** Bob Marshall-Andrews was one of 27 Labour MPs to back Liberal Democrat motion

"We have a close relationship with the Gurkhas in Medway and so the vote had a special meaning to me."

Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers hit out at MPs Shaw and Clark, saying: "It is awful that two of our local Labour MPs refused to support this.

"Medway has strong links with the Gurkhas through the Royal Engineers and the Kitchener Barracks was one of the main Gurkha Rifles barracks.

"The Gurkhas have fought and died for this country and the least we can do is give them the right to stay in this country."

Paul Clark responded by saying: "It is only under a Labour Government that the Gurkhas have had the right to stay in this country.

"I have supported the Gurkhas having better pension rights, stronger immigration rights, and a better standard of living. I vote for what I believe in.

"My opinions don't change with the wind, unlike this Tory councillor who thinks he can jump on the bandwagon now for a bit of good publicity."

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Murder charge after death in narrow road

A CHATHAM man will appear before a crown court later this month charged with murder.

Christopher Michael Eggleton, 45, of Dale Street, Chatham, is accused of killing Rochester resident Martin Barlow, 30, on Friday, April 3.

Eggleton appeared before magistrates on Friday and was released on bail. He has been forbidden from entering Medway – banning him from returning home – and driving a vehicle. He will appear at Maidstone Crown Court on May 15. Mr Barlow died after being struck by a bus outside his home in Catherine Street.

## See a 1960s classic at The Central Theatre

THE multiple Oscar-winning film *The Apartment* will be shown at The Central Theatre next week as part of their Screen Classics season.

The 1960s favourite, starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine, won five golden statuettes including best picture.

The *Apartment* carries a PG certificate and will be screened at 7.30pm on Tuesday May 12.

Tickets cost £5. To book in advance contact the box office on 01634 338338 or visit [www.medway.gov.uk/theatre-bookings](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatre-bookings). Tickets are also available on the door, subject to availability.

## Charities benefitted from coffee morning

THE Mayor of Medway handed over more than £700 to three charities at a presentation event this morning.

Cllr David Carr gave cheques to representatives from Macmillan Cancer Support, the Streetcops trust and Blythswood Care at the council's Gun Wharf headquarters.

The money was raised during the mayoress' monthly coffee mornings.

Mayor Carr said: "Presenting the cheques to the charities always feels rewarding.

"The coffee mornings are not only great fun but they are a brilliant way of raising significant sums of money."

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# Festival tarnished by drunken revellers

BY SIMON ROBINSON

DRUNKEN revellers marred the annual Sweeps Festival, with police calling on Rochester High Street publicans to close early in a bid to prevent further outbreaks of anti-social behaviour.

The family festival saw visitors pour into Rochester during the Bank Holiday Weekend with more than 60 Morris sides, real ale festivals and folk/rock heroes Strawbs among the biggest draws. But by night the friendly atmosphere quickly disappeared, with thousands of lager louts filling the towns' pubs and clubs and hundreds more lining the High Street downing pints of beer from plastic cups.

Police made 13 arrests during the weekend – with three men arrested on suspicion of ABH, one man arrested on suspicion of GBH and four men taken into custody for affray.

Five men were also handed £80 on-the-spot fines for being drunk and disorderly.

Police asked publicans to stagger their closing times on Sunday night to deal with the number of clubbers in the high street. Two Brewers' landlady Susan Bannister said the festival's feel was changing.

She said: "We were very busy as always but Sweeps did seem very different this year, there's a younger clientele rather than the folkly types. There was quite a bit of trouble in the High Street. The police asked us to shut at



**MORRIS MEN:** Traditional pursuits were overshadowed by late night drunkenness at this year's Sweeps Festival

10.30pm as there was concern that there could be aggravation. The tension was much more noticeable this year. Last few years it's been turning and it seems that the Bank Holiday Sunday is the worst."

The Eagle Tavern's landlady Sandra Judge added: "We were also asked to close early. I can understand the police's point of view as the atmosphere outside didn't feel good."

"It felt like trouble was brewing. Not a nice atmosphere. Sunday is always the worst day.

"What I can't understand is how it got to that situation. It should not have got to that point.

"The police should have been patrolling the High Street earlier. Perhaps drinking in the

High Street should be stopped earlier.

"I think the police should reevaluate the drinking along the street.

"If they're going to allow people to drink outside they should patrol the High Street better."

Firefighters from across Kent raced to Rochester on Monday morning to tackle a blaze at the Casino Rooms nightclub in Blue Boat Lane. No-one was injured in the incident, according to the emergency services. A Kent Fire and Rescue spokeswoman said: "After the blaze was put out investigators arrived on the scene and began to sift through the building.

"At the moment we have no idea what caused the fire."

## Right turn cop in the wrong

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the current set up was a "fatality waiting to happen".

He said: "The road signs are misleading, the road markings are inaccurate and the pedestrian crossing is unsafe. The cost to correct this is minimal compared with the cost of injury or even far worse."

"Both as a driver approaching the junction and a pedestrian crossing the junction on a daily basis, my view is that after two days any costs would be covered from the £30 fines."

A Medway Council spokesman said: "There is a right turn ban out of the Rochester High Street, which is clearly and correctly signed.

"This is a complicated junction and there are no immediate engineering measures that can be used to resolve this issue."

Ch Insp Coleman said: "The police are exempt from the Road Traffic Act in specific situations such as responding to emergencies and criminal behaviour."

"If it is found that there is no justification, I will make sure action is taken to ensure there is not a similar incident in the future.

"All police drivers undergo extensive training to the high standards required and expected of them and I wish to stress these standards are demonstrated on a day-to-day basis when my staff are carrying out their duties."

# Big baby's mum on mend after heart problems

A FIRST-time mum is slowly on the road to recovery almost a year after giving birth to a son weighing almost a stone.

Natasha Dimelow, 31, and husband Andrew had been trying to get pregnant for five years, but when baby Dylan eventually arrived, it almost killed his mum.

The tot had to be delivered by emergency caesarean a week early and tipped the scales at almost twice the average weight of 7.5lb.

After returning to the family's Chatham home with her new 13lb 10oz arrival, Mrs Dimelow suffered breathing difficulties.

She was taken back to Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham, but her condition worsened to the extent her husband was warned she may die.

After extensive treatment, Mrs Dimelow retained just a tenth of her heart's normal function, but nearly a year on she told a national

newspaper the figure has jumped to 40 per cent and she is on track for a full recovery.

She told the *Daily Mail*: "Dylan was so big that my heart just couldn't cope with pumping for the two of us, but I wouldn't change a thing, it is a small price to pay for being a mum at last."

She added: "I knew he was going to be a big baby, in just two weeks before the birth, I had put on a stone-and-a-half."

"When Dylan was finally born it was such a relief, but none of the doctors could believe the size of him. He just looked enormous and when the scales read 13lb 10oz none of us could believe it."

Approaching a year old, Dylan is now almost two and a half stone and wearing clothes made for children twice his age.

Mrs Dimelow added: "He has an incredible appetite, he's like a little dustbin."

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## Lotto winner misses out on £1.5m jackpot prize

THE Champagne won't be on ice for one Lotto winner who let a £1.5 million jackpot slip through their fingers.

Bosses at Camelot had appealed for the owner of the ticket – bought in an unnamed outlet in Swale – to come forward, but the six-month deadline to claim the prize has now elapsed, meaning the cash will go to the Lotto's good causes fund.

The winning numbers were 18, 19, 25, 30, 33 and 43 back in November last year.

## Ram-raider jailed after DNA found on stolen car

A RAM-raider who targeted cash machines at three village shops in one night has been jailed for six years.

Nelson Hilden, of Gallants Lane, East Farleigh, was arrested in December last year after forensic teams found his DNA on a smashed windscreen of a stolen four-wheel drive vehicle.

The vehicle was one of two used by Hilden and others in ram-raids in Lyminge, Wye and Lenham, on December 12.

## Orchid collector tells of his months in captivity

INTREPID orchid hunter Tom Hart Dyke will be speaking at the Gullbenkian Theatre in Canterbury this Friday.

Hart Dyke will be speak about his adventures around the world collecting plants, which included a nine-month spell in captivity at the hands of Colombian guerrillas.

He will also talk about creating the gardens at his family home, Lullingstone Castle, during the talk at 7.30pm on Friday, May 8. Admission is £10.

## Report over Icelandic bank cash to be changed

A REPORT accusing Kent County Council of "negligently" investing taxpayers' money in Icelandic banks is to be reworded.

KCC had threatened to sue the Audit Commission for the use of the word in its Risk and Return document, which investigated multi-million deposits by local authorities in Icelandic banks which were lost.

But chief executive Peter Gilroy revealed during the last full council meeting that the document would be amended.

# Showbiz life at heart of Paul's book

■ BY NICK AMES

PANTO director Paul Hendy, responsible for many of the county's most successful shows, has raided his showbiz background to find material for his latest novel.

Hendy's celebrity pals have praised his second novel, *Who Killed Simon Peters?*, a black comedy whodunnit concerning the death of a back-stabbing celebrity.

TV personality Christopher Biggins described it as a "hysterical, rip-roaring yarn" while ex-EastEnders Shaun Williamson said it was "a laugh a page and then some".

The story concerns the title character's rise from C-list obscurity to A-list superstardom, before Peters, described as "deluded, self-obsessed and with an ego the size of Coventry" is found dead in suspicious circumstances.

Mr Hendy's first book features the same character. He said: "My earlier work was *Diary of a C-List Celeb*. At the time I was working as a TV presenter and I drew on a lot of the experiences I heard about – not necessarily my own but those of others I met up with.

"Now the character has clawed his way up to

the A list, but has upset so many people with his rampant ego that suspects are hardly thin on the ground when it comes to his death.

"The story also looks at the way the whole celebrity culture has taken off. I mean look at Susan Boyle of *Britain's Got Talent*. A few weeks ago no-one had heard of her. Now she is never out of the papers."

Former BBC Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan added: "I had to read the book to make sure I got a mention – very funny though."

Other celebrities have jokingly complained they are not mentioned in Mr Hendy's work.

Singer and reality TV star Toyah Wilcox called the book "brilliantly funny", but added: "Why isn't it about me? I think he should have called it *Who killed Toyah Wilcox*."

Mr Hendy, of Eastry, near Sandwich, has directed pantomimes at Canterbury's Marlowe Theatre and Chatham's Central Theatre.

He has also hosted TV shows such as *Don't Try This At Home* and *Wheel of Fortune* – which had run for 20 years until he took it over but it was cancelled after one series.



**WRITE IDEA:** Paul Hendy has drawn upon his life in showbusiness as research for his latest novel, *Who Killed Simon Peters?*

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## Swine flu fears caught on students' video



MEDIA students made a YouTube video quizzing people on their knowledge of swine flu – and were surprised at the level of panic the deadly virus is already causing.

Those involved in the project at Canterbury Christ Church University spoke to students at the Canterbury campus to test how much they knew about the epidemic.

One student said: "I'm concerned that it might actually come in the UK and affect a lot of people and I don't know how prepared the health services are to deal with it."

During the two-minute clip, one campus worker told students: "I'm due to fly to Australia in June so I have got a very long flight – about 20 hours – through Dubai. I'm a little bit concerned about being on a plane, potentially with people with swine flu."

Another student told the group filming that every student had been sent an email from university bosses warning them to stay at home if they suffered flu-like symptoms.

The students' video is available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4cUlfwnWHU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4cUlfwnWHU)

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# 100 years of history filled Isle's skies



■ BY NICK AMES

A SPECTACULAR fly-past in the skies above the Isle of Sheppey marked the centenary of aviation in the Royal Navy, which purchased its first airship in 1909.

Large crowds took advantage of the sunny weather on Friday to watch the breath-taking display put on by aircraft from the Fleet Air Arm.

The anniversary was also commemorated at Eastchurch, where the first four Royal Navy pilots learned to fly in 1911.

Commander Sue Eagles said: "The historical importance of Eastchurch in the early development of Naval aviation is immense."

The fly-past included Harrier GR7 and GR9 jets, Hawk and Falcon aircraft, and a historic Sea Vixen.

Cmdr Eagles said: "Not only were the first four Naval pilots trained at Eastchurch, but the first Naval aircraft were also built there."

"Sheppey was the cradle of aviation in this country. The budding Naval aviators found themselves immersed in the wealth of pioneering aeronautical technology and endeavour being built up there."

In 1911, Eastchurch became the first Royal Naval Air Station. In January of the following year, one of the first four Navy pilots took a Shorts aircraft from Eastchurch to Sheerness, flying it from a rudimentary plat-

form on the forward turret of a cruiser, HMS Africa, which was at anchor.

This was the first time an aircraft had taken-off from a ship in Britain.

In May, 1912, the same pilot and aircraft, Lt Charles Samson flying an S.38, took off from a similar platform on another cruiser, HMS Hibernia, while the ship made 15 knots.

The Short brothers moved to Rochester in 1913, but the association with the Navy led to their development of seaplanes and, in turn, flying boats for which the company became famous.

Aircraft designer Richard Fairey began his aviation industry career at Eastchurch in 1911, initially with the Blair Atholl Syndicate and then Shorts in 1913, before setting up his own company in 1915.

## Iconic

The Fairey Swordfish remains the iconic Navy aircraft by virtue of its achievements in the Second World War such as attacking German battleships despite its slow speed and light armament.

The Sheppey links survive with Shorts' last aircraft, the Tucano, serving currently as a pilot trainer for the Navy.

With today's Fleet Air Arm largely a rotary-winged force, its helicopters are products of what is now the Agusta Westland Company. The first aircraft built by Westland were twelve Short 184 seaplanes for the Admiralty in 1915.

Fly Navy 100 is the programme of events this year marking the Royal Navy's aviation centenary, the service having placed a contract for its first airship in 1909.

Friday's events also saw a service at the Pioneer Memorial in Eastchurch which was attended by current and former serving members of the Fleet Air Arm, veterans, guests, and residents.

Guest of honour was Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo KCB, Vice Chief of Naval Staff between 1975 and 1978, who took the salute with Rear Admiral Simon Charlier, Chief of Staff Aviation and Rear Admiral Fleet Air Arm, as the fly-past soared overhead.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS:** The Isle of Sheppey was treated to the sight of (above) Harrier jump jets and (left) a historic Sea Vixen on Friday

# Thanks to all your generosity Kent's kids are now better off

CHILDREN from across the county will benefit from thousands of pounds generously donated by KOS Media's army of readers.

The Kent Kids for Christmas appeal allowed people to purchase our sister paper Kent on Sunday for 60p over the festive period, with the profits handed over to charities that help youngsters who face disadvantages such as disabilities and homelessness.

The charities that will benefit from your money this year are Demelza Hospice Care for Children, Martha Trust, the Kentish Retts Angels and The Molly Bubb Fund.

Cash is also being donated to Invicta FM's Help a Kent Child campaign.

The Molly Bubb Fund was



set up following the death last year of four-year-old Molly from Canterbury, who was struck with a rare form of brain cancer called choroid plexus carcinoma.

Her mother Kerry said the £500 donation will go towards researching and raising awareness of the illness so other families do not have to go through what theirs did.

A further £500 has gone to

the Kentish Retts Angels, which is a support group for parents of Rett syndrome sufferers.

Martha Trust provides a home for life for people with profound physical and learning difficulties, and has a residential home and day centre in Deal.

Fundraiser Serita Boxall said of the £1,000 donation: "It's a lot of money and will be a huge help. It's really kind of your readers to have donated in this way."

Demelza House children's hospice will also be receiving £1,000 while £5,000 is being given to Invicta FM's Help a Kent Child Campaign, from which several charities will be hoping to receive a share of the total amount raised.

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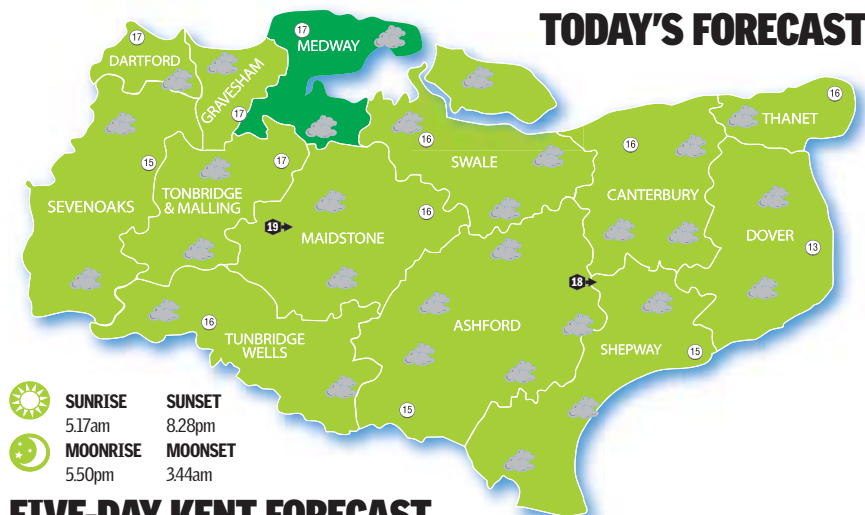
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Ashford	18°C	18°C	17°C	16°C	16°C	Gravesend	17°C	18°C	17°C	16°C	16°C
Canterbury	17°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	Maidstone	18°C	17°C	17°C	15°C	16°C
Chatham	17°C	16°C	15°C	14°C	14°C	Ramsgate	17°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C
Dartford	17°C	18°C	17°C	16°C	16°C	Rochester	17°C	16°C	15°C	14°C	14°C
Dover	14°C	14°C	14°C	14°C	15°C	Sevenoaks	16°C	16°C	15°C	13°C	14°C
Faversham	17°C	16°C	15°C	14°C	14°C	Sittingbourne	17°C	16°C	15°C	14°C	14°C
Folkestone	14°C	14°C	14°C	14°C	15°C	Tonbridge	16°C	16°C	16°C	14°C	15°C
Gillingham	17°C	16°C	15°C	14°C	14°C	Tun Wells	16°C	16°C	16°C	14°C	15°C

## WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	1:46pm	5.9m
	Sunday	2:22pm	5.9m
Dover	Saturday	12:03pm	6.4m
	Sunday	12:41pm	6.4m
Dungeness	Saturday	12:00pm	7.4m
	Sunday	12:36pm	7.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:33pm	4.8m
	Sunday	1:11pm	4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:36pm	5.6m
	Sunday	2:12pm	5.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:51pm	5.1m
	Sunday	2:25pm	5.0m

## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	12°C	Madrid	23°C
Athens	18°C	New York	13°C
Barcelona	22°C	Paris	15°C
Beijing	26°C	Rome	21°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	22°C	Tenerife	20°C
Cardiff	11°C	Tokyo	23°C
Gibraltar	19°C	Vancouver	14°C
Hong Kong	26°C	Warsaw	22°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	14°C



**OLYMPIC FACILITIES:** Medway Park is undergoing an £11 million redevelopment, ahead of the 2012 games

## Paralympic team in training agreement

MEDWAY has become the first local authority in the South East to sign a pre-2012 Games training camp agreement with the Paralympic Association of Barbados agreeing to hold their preparations in the Towns.

The team will use Gillingham's Medway Park sports complex, currently undergoing an £11 million redevelopment, in the run-up to the London Games.

Medway and the South East will support the association in developing disability sports coaching and expertise.

The Colombian Paralympic Committee and the Malawi Olympic Committee have signed agreements with the South East region but are yet to decide where to base themselves.

Medway Council's community services chief said: "We are delighted that the Paralympic Association of Barbados are the first team to enter into an agreement with Medway."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### JANE MARTIN



**Q** Can you tell us a little about yourself?

**A** I was born and brought up in Kent. I have been married to John for 31 years and we have spent most of our married life living in different parts of the world.

I spent a great deal of our time abroad taking visitors – either official ones connected to work, or family and friends – on tours of where we were living.

I always tried to make sure we saw not only the important tourist sites, but also the hidden treasures that were well known to the locals but off the beaten track for large travel companies.

With a lifelong interest in history and my experience of showing visitors around, my dream was to become a driver/guide.

**Q** Can you explain what Tours of the Realm is and how it came about?

**A** Tours of the Realm offers sightseeing tours of rural and historic Britain to small and exclusive groups of up to five people with a particular focus on Kent and the South East.

Tours of the Realm was founded by Denise Ryeland 15 years ago and when she retired last year I bought the company from her.

**Q** How does Tours of the Realm work?

**A** Generally clients find my website at [www.toursoftherealm.com](http://www.toursoftherealm.com).

They contact me and I put together a personalised itinerary tailored to their interests.

**Q** What client base is Tours of the Realm aimed at?

**A** I market to quite a wide client base. Passengers coming in on cruise ships at Dover; visitors to London who want to escape to the country for a day or two; and Britons who want to discover hidden treasures and quirky delights.

**Q** Do you cover just Kent, or further than that?

**A** I focus on Kent and the South East, but this is not exclusive and I am happy to take clients all over the UK.

**Q** What reasons would you give someone visiting Kent to use your services?

**A** For the visitor who likes to travel in comfort in a relaxed and informal way and, most importantly, at their own pace, with a greater degree of personal attention than can be expected from larger travel companies, Tours of the Realm is ideal.

**Q** What is the best thing about your job?

**A** I spend my time going to fascinating places and meeting interesting people. This is what I've always wanted to do and now I am in the position where I get paid to do it.

**Q** And the most challenging thing?

**A** The economic climate.

**Q** What kind of feedback have you had about Tours of the Realm?

**A** Overwhelmingly visitors say that their experience has been relaxed, informative and fun, and that it has given them a taste of the "real" Britain – and that they hope to come back for more.

**Q** You spend your time touring Kent so you must have seen a lot of places. What is your favourite part of the county?

**A** I love the Weald with its lovely old villages, windy lanes, world renowned gardens and beautiful countryside. On the other hand, Romney Marsh is fascinatingly enigmatic whatever the season and you can't help being drawn into it. Walking along the white cliffs from St Margaret's to Walmer is awe-inspiring and I totally understand why Charles Dickens particularly loved this walk. Kent has so much to choose from that it's impossible to have a favourite area.

**Q** What are your hopes for the year ahead?

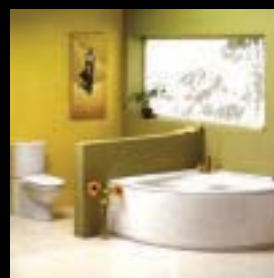
**A** That Tours of the Realm continues to attract a lot of interest and I become inundated with bookings.

Q & A

**Marijke Cox** talks to Jane Martin of specialist Canterbury-based tour company Tours of the Realm, which promises to give visitors a real taste of Kent and further afield by going off the well worn tourist tracks



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Sound of Music exhibition at Turner Contemporary Space. Search 'Turner'



Air ambulance launches recycling service at Julie Rose Stadium. Search 'air'

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# Scrap Dartford tolls and let people breathe easy

## EXCLUSIVE

BY EMILY HALL

THE Dartford Crossing toll could be suspended after a report found pollution from queuing traffic may be sending people to an early grave.

Councillors have called on the Government to act immediately after a Dartford council working group linked smog from queuing traffic to higher than average levels of lung and heart disease in the area.

Council leader Jeremy Kite has demanded action from the Department for Transport after the report found life expectancy in Dartford was a full year lower than in other areas of Kent.

He has now formally asked the Government to temporarily suspend the £1.50 peak time charge to see if free-flowing traffic reduces the level of dangerous fumes.

"We are asking the Government to realise that at some point they will have to put people's health before making money," he said.

"If people living next to a nuclear power station all fell ill it would be a national scandal, but for some reason the Government seems to think that because a road network is causing our health problems it is something they can ignore.

"For the people here it is a living nightmare. What we have seen is a series of appalling decisions that have increased congestion."

The Dartford Crossing is used by about 150,000 vehicles a day. It is the fourth most congested stretch of road in the UK, making



UNDER A CLOUD: Air pollution near the Dartford Crossing is damaging people's health, local councillors say

it a pollution hotspot.

Councillors formed a working group after NHS figures revealed there was a higher level of emergency hospital admissions for heart and lung problems – including childhood asthma – in those routinely exposed to the choked-up crossing.

The report said: "With the exception of Bean Interchange, all of the other air management areas are in areas with higher concentrations of health problems.

"It is clear that while the actions taken by the borough council will mitigate some of the problems, the likely increase in traffic within the road system and crossing will continue to have a major effect."

A DoT spokesman said they were looking at changes to tolls but would not say whether a suspension was a possibility.

He added: "Studies indicate that without any charge traffic levels would be even higher, leading to even more congestion and seriously worsening pollution.

"After publication of the Dartford Crossing capacity study [in April] we said we would carry out further work to consider whether improving the layout of the toll plazas or applying one-way tolling on the crossing could deliver improvements to the flow of traffic in the short term."

• What do you think? Email your comments to [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk)

## The countdown to Invicta's new change of Heart

COMMERICAL radio station Invicta FM has confirmed the date on which it will undergo the biggest change in its 25-year history.

On June 22 it will ditch the Invicta name it has used since its inception in 1984 and become Heart.

The name change, first revealed last year, is part of a strategy by Invicta's owners to enhance its appeal to advertisers and link in with the national Heart network.

Invicta chiefs say listeners will benefit from a boost in production standards and access to bigger stars than ever before.

Critics, however, say the move continues to erode the station's Kent roots and further put at risk programmes produced at Invicta's studios in Whitstable.

While key shows, such as breakfast with James Heming and Gemma Shepherd and the drivetime slot with Neil Kefford will remain, much of the daytime and weekend schedules will be networked shows with the likes of former Neighbours star Jason Donovan and TV presenter Toby Anstis.

### Quality

Invicta FM managing director Neil Webster insists the move will only bring positives.

He said: "We are delivering a high quality national product, but delivering it locally.

"From the listeners' point of view, they will get largely the same but lots more investment in things like on-air production – it will sound slicker – the music will be much the same as it is now."

The station says it is in negotiations with a host of events – including the Sugababes and James Morrison shows at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury next month – to use as high-profile platforms to promote the name change.

And 'Heart Angels' will be taking to the streets to spread the word, as well as an extensive television and advertising campaign in the week of the change.



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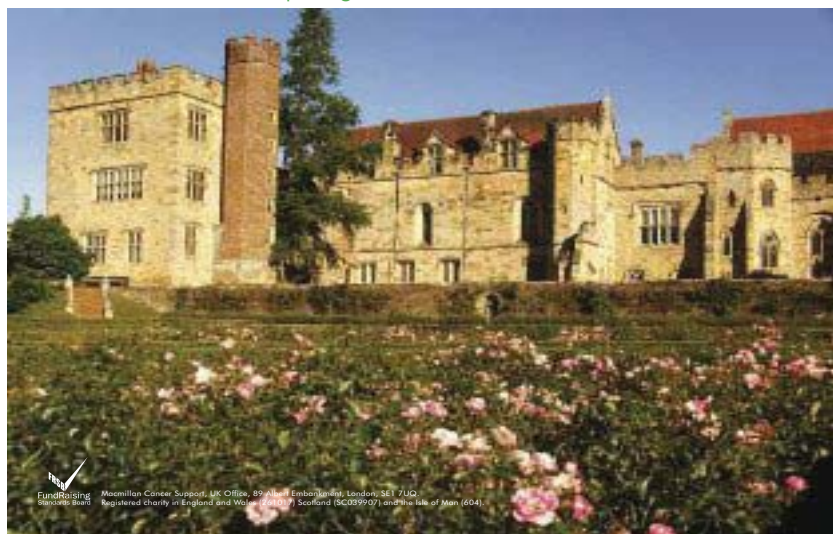
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# Savouring spring's flavours

He's one of the rising stars on the celebrity chef scene, close friends with Hell's Kitchen's Marco Pierre White – for whom he worked as head chef for years – and has already come out in support of our Buy Local Produce campaign. Now **Richard Phillips**, who grew up in Rainham and lives near Maidstone, writes for KOS Media in the first of a series of regular features, supporting our campaign and our website, [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk)



OVER the past few years there has been a distinct rise in the quality and availability of top-class homegrown vegetables, meat, fish and fruit.

Farmers have raised their game in the face of stiff competition and pressure from supermarket chains. For me, running three restaurants in Kent, it is vital that I receive the best food and it's great to know that I can support local farmers and the local economy by buying local produce.

It's not just about buying local for the sake of it though. I need the best quality in my restaurants because that is what customers expect and, to be honest, I would not work with anything less.

Locality is only a part of the equation though. The best, tastiest food is that which is being grown right now. Seasonality is the key to not only eating the best, but also diversifying our menus and diets.

By eating food out of season, you are diminishing the experience. With spring well and truly here, now is the time when we are going to be seeing the very best produce,

meats and fish. Spring is one of the county's most colourful seasons, bringing richness in variety, taste and availability.

It's a time when we should be making the most of new season fruit, vegetables, meats and fish. The good thing about making the most of the plentiful availability of new season produce is that prices are also keener – you'll notice this reflected at the till.

Seasonality and making meals from food in plentiful supply has, due to the advent of supermarkets stocking their shelves with processed food, become something of a lost way of eating.

The impact this has had on local farming has meant we often sacrifice freshness and taste for accessibility.

Convenience is one thing, but when items which we can grow seasonally – and often better and tastier – are shipped half way around the world after being picked days and sometimes weeks before, we have to begin to question if it really is the best way.

This month, one of my favourite vegetables is in season and it is without doubt one of the most versatile and arguably best of English vegetables – asparagus.

The season doesn't last long, so let's make the most of this great vegetable that is grown all over Kent. When purchasing asparagus, go for the medium-sized stems as they have had enough time to take on the flavour, but not too much time to be tough.

Fresh asparagus can make the perfect accompaniment to any main course and works equally well with fresh fish or meat. The season also brings a fresh crop of new potatoes and in the next couple of weeks we have the arrival of spring lamb and Kentish crabs to look forward to.

The dish I have prepared this week is warm poached salmon, Kentish asparagus and warm new potato salad. This is a quick and easy dish to prepare but guaranteed to treat your taste buds to a range of subtle and strong flavours, making the most of our local produce.

All of the ingredients used in the recipe are available from the [foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) website.

*Richard Phillips*

## RICHARD'S RECIPE

150g piece of Fresh Salmon Fillet (bones removed, skin left on)

Cooking liquor for the salmon  
500ml water, 100ml Tenterden Chapel Down white wine, half a lemon juiced, 5 peppercorns, 8 parsley stalks

4 Kentish asparagus spears (peeled and cooked, in boiling salted water)  
5 medium sized Jersey new potatoes  
Teaspoon chopped chives, fine  
Teaspoon chopped shallots, fine  
50g rocket salad (washed)  
5 yellow cherry tomatoes (cut in to halves)  
10 green beans, Cooked in boiling water

Vinaigrette

150ml of olive oil  
50ml of white wine vinegar  
25ml luke warm water  
Teaspoon of honey  
Teaspoon grain mustard

Place the mustard and honey into a bowl, then whisk in the vinegar, then slowly add the olive oil, then finely add the water, season with salt and pepper



• Bring to the boil the cooking liquor for the salmon. Place the salmon into the liquid and turn off the heat, leave to stand for 4-5min. Remove from the cooking liquid, remove skin and flake into nice chunky pieces.

• Slice the cooked potatoes and mix with the chopped chives, shallots and a few drops of dressing (see recipe) season with salt and pepper, cover with cling film and keep warm. Mix the rocket leaves with the dressing just before serving

• Place the warm potatoes into the centre of the plate, then place the green beans and tomatoes on top then the rocket leaves, then the warm flaked salmon, arrange the asparagus spears around and drizzle with the grain mustard and honey dressing. Enjoy!



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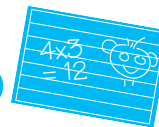
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## Going for gold at the alternative Olympics

**TALENTED** MidKent College students took part in a day-long challenge in preparation for the London '2011 Skills Olympics'.

The brickwork, carpentry and painting and decorating trainees undertook a six-hour task as part of the college's Skilled Up event. The gruelling challenge gave the youngsters a hands-on taste of what to expect at the international SkillBuild competition, being held in the capital in 2011.

SkillBuild will pit Kent students with peers from across the world in a range of trades – with the best painters, carpenters and bricklayers going head-to-head.

# 'Jewel in the crown' for young education

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

**MEREDALE** Independent School is 'good' across the board, according to Ofsted inspectors.

The mixed preparatory school in Solomon Road, Rainham, was rated as level two 'good' in each of the seven assessment areas – ranging from the standard of teaching to the 57 pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Ofsted's Stephen Dennett wrote: "Meredale offers a good quality education. Teaching is good and pupils clearly enjoy their lessons."

"The school is led effectively by the headteacher, who, with her staff, have created a caring yet challenging learning environment."

"Provision for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is good and pupils are well behaved."

"The school has made good progress in addressing the issues raised by its last inspection and now fully meets all regulations."

Mr Dennett paid particular praise to the school's work on ensuring pupils' welfare, health and safety were well looked after.

He wrote: "The pupils' needs and wel-

fare are supported by all staff and effective policies.

"One parent summed it up when they wrote 'I have been very pleased with the school, it really is a jewel in Medway's crown.'"

Headteacher Michelle Ingledew said she was delighted with Ofsted's findings. She said: "This is a credit to the staff and testament to all the hard work they have put in."

"We are not content to sit on our laurels and have put together a strategy to ensure we will do even better when the inspectors return."

Mr Dennett issued a four-point list of areas for future development.

He suggested the school improve pupils' understanding of cultures other than their own and increase their knowledge of religions represented in the UK other than Christianity; improve lesson planning in subjects other than English and mathematics; improve systems for assessing pupils' progress in science and IT and develop the use of the outside area for reception class children.

Meredale Independent School caters for 57 pupils aged between four and 11.

The school is part of the Kinder Group which includes eight nurseries, after school clubs and holiday clubs throughout Kent.

For more details about the school visit [www.meredaleindependent.com](http://www.meredaleindependent.com).



**GOOD WORK:** Meredale Independent School has been described as 'caring, yet challenging' by Ofsted inspectors in their recent report

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But even when people may be having visions of a population stricken with swine flu sinking beneath a global-warming-induced flood as bailiffs repossess our cars, there is always someone who will actively seek out more things to get worked up about.

For example, the latest set of figures from the Advertising Standards Agency reveals the adverts which attracted the most complaints over the last 12 months. Unfortunately, these were not complaints based on an advert's like-

lihood to annoy. Ocean Finance is safe for the moment, as are Barry Scott and the infuriating person who penned the theme for Sheila's Wheels, who deserves some kind of Clockwork Orange-style re-education programme.

No, these were genuine complaints, the dull sort contained in letters which begin: 'Dear Sir...' These are the 'genuinely offended', or at least the people who feel they should be offended by something because someone else may be offended.

This is a modern phenomenon; vicarious offence when the letter writer has failed to be offended enough themselves, so chooses to experience offence on behalf of other people.

It's easy to spot; just look for the phrase 'because X might offend Y'. 'Might' not 'has', because really the vicarious offeree has no idea whether Y will be offended by X at all.

While most of the moaning about these second-hand moral transgressions is the pastime of prudes and the excessively politically correct, it can also be an excuse for failing to

confront or acknowledge important issues. Claiming offence is a coward's way of closing down debate on an uncomfortable subject, a favoured tool of extremists or others with an agenda to promote. Worse still is claiming to be offended by unpleasant truths, simply as a means of pretending they don't exist.

The advert that garnered the most complaints was made on behalf of children's charity Barnardo's, showing scenes of children being physically and emotionally abused.

The writers told the Advertising Standards Agency they were "concerned about the scenes" which included beatings and drug abuse. If these people were genuinely concerned, wouldn't it have made more sense to send a letter to Barnardo's?

Maybe even one with a cheque in it?

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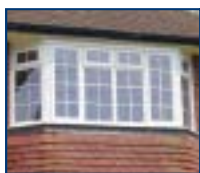
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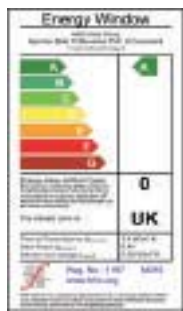
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## TALK TIME

### STEVIE KENNETT

The Police Community Support Officer for Walderslade talks about what qualities are needed for the job and why she wanted to do it



#### Tell us a little about yourself.

My name is Stevie Kennett, I'm 21 and I'm a happy, friendly individual. I have recently moved to Medway, within the past four months. I moved to Medway because I have moved in with my partner and he commutes to London everyday. Medway has a great train link into London which is convenient for him. I moved from Cobham where I lived with my parents. I currently work in Medway as a Police Community Support Officer.

#### What would you say are the most common problems in Medway?

The most common problem is young people hanging around in groups. They may or may not be causing anti-social behaviour but some people find large numbers intimidating. We engage with the young people, speak about what they would like in the area for them to do. There are very successful youth clubs in Medway and more are being set up. In the past 12 months, crime statistics for anti-social behaviour are down by 15.8 per cent.

#### What qualities does a PCSO need?

You should have good communication skills, be confident in what you do and keep a level-head. You need to be able to work well in a team. Also have the patience to deal with many types of people and be confident in dealing with complex situations. I would certainly recommend becoming a PCSO. If you are interested in a career in the police or would like to find out more, go to [www.policewouldyou.co.uk](http://www.policewouldyou.co.uk) or ring recruitment on 01622 650400.

## YOUR LETTERS



### A lot to learn about school strategy

The Primary Strategy for Change was written on behalf of Councillor Wicks, the portfolio holder, by council officers and was presented to government to secure capital funding to develop Medway's primary schools. The content of the strategy and the proposals affecting individual schools were entirely determined by Medway Council.

The strategy brings a very welcome £11 million for Medway primary schools from the government over the coming years and the government requires the council to address a number of issues including falling rolls, where they exist as part of the strategy.

However, the council's strategy goes far beyond the issue of falling rolls and the proposal recommends a number of closures and hints at further closures. In our view, these proposed closures contradict the concept of improvement which is supposed to be at the heart of the Primary Strategy for Change. The strategy should be using capital investment as investment for the future. Instead, Medway Council's proposal amounts to a programme of rationalisation and cuts. Medway's plan is also applied inconsistently in different parts of Medway and takes no account of success, popularity or community involvement. It also ignores Ofsted's findings at the individual schools identified in



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sensible way to address such a far-reaching and sensitive issue. The Labour Group will therefore oppose the proposals on a school-by-school basis where the case does not stack up.

Cllr Bill Esterson  
Labour Group Spokesman, Children and Adults Services, by e-mail

## Why so quick to rasher into a panic?

So now there is yet another media-inspired panic for everyone to get into a flap about.

What will the Government do about Swine Flu?

Will they burn all the pigs as they ordered last time during the foot and mouth outbreak?

Whatever it is I am sure it will go totally over the top and be completely unnecessary.

Alex Phillips, by email

## Time to listen to us about the Gurkhas

Everyone seems to be allowed to stay in the UK but the Gurkhas – and that has to be wrong.

This Government seems to have no feeling for the amount of public support these extremely respected men and women have among the British public.

The administration in Whitehall is always trying to make itself more popular – why not just accept that people want the requests of those who have served Britain for so many years to be taken on board?

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Vicky Mills, from Maidstone, by email

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## Get a treat and raise dough for charity

National Doughnut Week is fast approaching and I would like to make a special appeal to your readers to support this annual charity event, which takes place from May 9 to 16 in aid of The Children's Trust.

Everyone deserves a treat from time to time and this fun campaign is a great way to share some delicious doughnuts with family, friends and work colleagues, and also raise some dough for charity.

All you need to do is to purchase doughnuts from participating bakers – wherever you see the National Doughnut Week posters displayed.

By doing so, you will be helping to make a real difference to some very special children.

Money raised by participating bakers and the public will benefit The Children's Trust, a national charity, which provides care, education and therapy for children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs, and rehabilitation services to children with an acquired brain injury.

Last year, National Doughnut Week's fundraising activities across the UK raised more than £30,000 and, with your support, we hope to beat this figure in 2009.

So bakers, if you haven't done so, please register now and get baking and all you lovely people get buying.

For ideas on how to get involved, plus celebrities' doughnut favourites, please visit: [www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/doughnuts](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/doughnuts).

To make credit or debit card donations, please call 01737 365027.

Thank you – and don't forget to buy yourself a doughnut treat!

**Ainsley Harriot, TV presenter and chef, on behalf of The Children's Trust, by email**

## Listen up, it's time to check your hearing

During Deaf Awareness Week, which runs until this Sunday, RNID is asking us all to look after our hearing health and take the charity's special hearing check.

People can take up to 15 years to acknowledge their hearing loss. RNID's message is simple – if you have hearing difficulties, dial 0844 800 3838 or visit [www.rnid.org.uk/hearingmatters](http://www.rnid.org.uk/hearingmatters) to check your hearing now so you can start taking steps to return to a fulfilling life.

RNID is The Co-operative charity of the year 2009 and as part of this partnership The Co-operative is supporting RNID's campaign to check the hearing of a million people.

During Deaf Awareness Week Co-operative Food stores will be fundraising and raising awareness about RNID's hearing checks.

RNID also wants to hear about



**HEAR THIS:** Actor Richard Wilson

the impact hearing loss has on people's everyday lives. Whatever your experiences – good or bad – please email your story, in confidence, to

[mediarelations@rnid.org.uk](mailto:mediarelations@rnid.org.uk).

**Richard Wilson OBE, actor, on behalf of RNID**

## Young carers, click into this competition

I have a family member who is affected by dementia so I know life can be difficult for those caring for a loved one. What I can't imagine is how much harder it is for the thousands of young people who take on this responsibility.

From my time in da Bungalow, I know that having the chance to cut loose and have fun is part of what being young is all about.

Sadly, many young people who are caring do not have the time to do so.

That's why I'm calling on all young carers to take a moment to escape from their daily routine and take part in Zoom! – a national photo competition for young carers.

Zoom! is open to any carer under the age of 18. You just need to enter a photo you have taken which reflects any aspect of your life for the chance to win one of ten great prizes. Entries must be submitted by May 14 and winners will be announced during Carers Week, June 8-14.

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**Richard McCourt, Dick from Dick and Dom, by email**

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# In search of the truth

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### HIS DARK MATERIALS

Wednesday, May 6 to Sunday,

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Churchill Theatre, Bromley



READERS all over the world have been captivated by Philip Pullman's epic fantasy series His Dark Materials.

The first of the award-winning trilogy, The Golden Compass, was turned into a Hollywood blockbuster in 2007 and now theatregoers can enjoy a lavish production of the story when it visits Kent this week.

The Churchill Theatre will be the only venue in the South East on the show's UK tour, so fans should not miss the chance to catch this major production.

In order to do justice to the sprawling story, the show is presented in two parts which can both be seen in one day, with time for a 'picnic break' between performances. Alternatively, there is an opportunity to see the two performances on separate evenings.

Set in worlds that are both familiar and unknown, His Dark Materials follows the thrilling adventures of young Lyra and her friend Will, a boy on the run.

When Lyra hears her uncle, Lord Asriel, arguing with religious authorities about the mysterious 'dust', she sets out to discover the truth. Her journey will take her to the Arctic and bring her into the company of the intriguing, but dangerous Mrs Coulter.

She meets fantastical creatures in parallel worlds, from the child-catching Gobblers to armoured polar bears. Although Lyra lives in an Oxford which looks much like our own, hers is a world in which people's souls are brought to life in the form of animals, or daemons.

Birmingham Repertory Theatre's artistic director Rachel Kavanaugh has worked with specialist puppet company Blind Summit Theatre to bring these magical creatures to life, while a company of 25 actors will bring Pullman's characters from the



Picture CATHERINE ASHMORE

**FACING YOUR DAEMONS:** Puppeteers bring the fantasy animals to life in the stage version of the award-winning His Dark Materials stories, which is coming to Bromley's Churchill Theatre

page to the stage. In part one, Lyra uncovers the secrets of the truth-telling alethiometer and learns that her fate is strangely linked with Will's.

Together they must find a magical knife which can take them to parallel worlds, but in part two Lyra is kidnapped. Will must help to free her before they can travel to the land of the dead and fight to decide the fate of Good and Evil.

His Dark Materials can be seen in its entirety on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Bring your own picnic to enjoy between shows. Part one will also be performed at 7pm tonight, followed by part two at 7pm on Friday.

Tickets are priced from £21 to £30 for each performance. See both parts in one day and enjoy discounted rates of £80 for two people and £146 for families of four.

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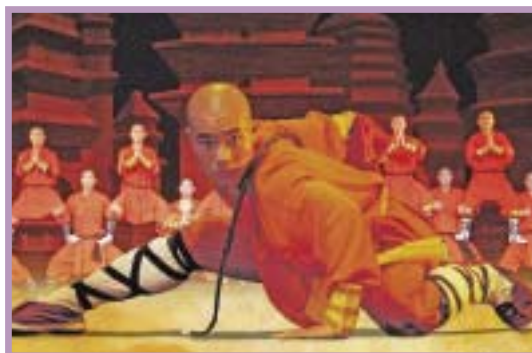
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Central Theatre, Chatham

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A colourful and thrilling production featuring breathtaking demonstrations of skill, agility and strength, the show features 22 professionally trained kung fu masters. More than 500,000 people in three continents have seen this spectacular show and now a Kent audience has the chance to see the Shaolin Warriors in action as they stop off in Chatham on their first-ever European tour.

Beautiful scenery and captivating music provide the backdrop to the show, which features the rarely-seen



kung fu masters' Buddhist meditation. Disciplines include qigong, animal imitation boxing, drunken boxing and fighting with 18 kinds of traditional instruments.

Shaolin Kung Fu is associated with the Shaolin Temple in China's Henan Province, a 5th century

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The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £19.50/£18 for adults, £14 for under-16s and £60 for families of four. Book at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking) or call the box office on 01634 338338.

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Formed just two years ago while the members were at school in Magherafelt, South Derry, General Fiasco comprises Owen Strathern on vocals and bass, his brother Enda on guitars and drum-



mer Stephen Leacock. Within their first few months on the local circuit, they had earned a reputation for their energetic live set and infectious songs.

They have played at the Oxegen, Belsonic and Electric Proms festivals, as

well as winning the chance to appear at the Reading and Leeds Festivals as part of the BBC Introducing line-up.

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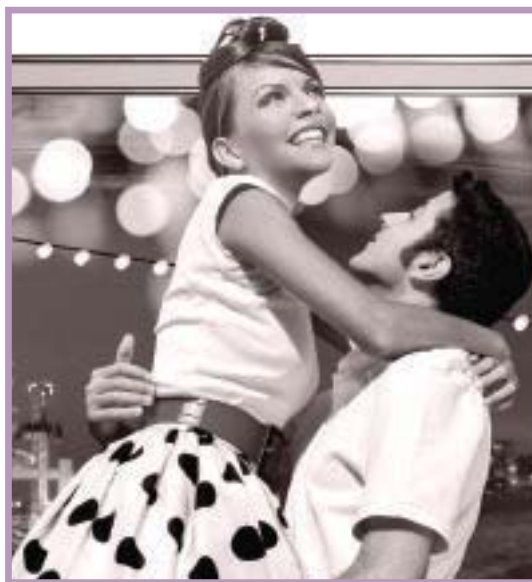
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### Enjoy film hits when gospel choir entertain

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## A Golden line-up at Lounge on the Farm



ON THE LIST: Golden Silvers will be at the festival

INFECTIOUSLY-catchy hitmakers Golden Silvers are among the latest batch of bands and artists to be added to the Lounge on the Farm line-up.

The London trio – behind the three-minute piece of pop perfection that is True Romance – will play the Canterbury three-dayer alongside the likes of Casiokids, Son Of Dave, A Hawk And A Hacksaw and Josh Weller.

Two Kent favourites have also been con-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

firmed for Lounge 2009 – with punk upstarts Underground Heroes and the joyous Kid Harpoon set to take to the Farm.

Organisers behind the Merton Farm festival, now in its fourth year, said there were more top acts to be announced.

LOTF's Matt Gough said: "We're really happy with the line-up this year.

"As ever we've been picking off the bands we've been listening to the most so it's very

much representative of our current tastes.

"And we'd like to think we have pretty good tastes. It's worked so far.

"We do have a Saturday headliner yet to announce but it's not quite confirmed yet."

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# Hollywood hunk loves his life as a family man

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

TURNING 40 is reason enough for many people to have a mini mid-life crisis.

But Matthew McConaughey, who celebrates the big 4-0 this November, isn't too worried.

In fact, this laidback Hollywood hunk is pretty pleased with the way life is going, especially being a dad to nine-month-old Levi, his son with Brazilian model Camila Alves.

"I look at it as like they're new chapters," he says. "Finding a woman I want to settle down with was a new chapter; having Levi – a new chapter, same book."

McConaughey's real life is a far cry from his latest character in new comedy Ghosts Of Girlfriends Past.

He plays womanising celebrity photographer Connor, who thinks nothing of breaking up with multiple women on a conference call while arranging his next date.

"Connor is really not out to hurt anyone, he just wants to have a good time," says the actor. "But he's also a guy who has lost his way and doesn't know it."

Connor's romantic scepticism proves to be a bit of a downer on the eve of his brother Paul's wedding and doesn't impress his houseful of guests, including his childhood friend Jenny (Jennifer Garner), who has no patience with Connor's philandering ways.

But that night Connor is visited by the ghost of his late Uncle Wayne (Michael Douglas), who shows Connor where he's going wrong by taking him through a revealing past, present and future odyssey of failed relationships.

"The ghosts were a big unrealistic thing, but that's just one of the things that made this one original," says the star, who is well known for



LAID BACK: Leading man Matthew McConaughey

his roles in rom-coms like Fool's Gold and Failure To Launch.

McConaughey admits he isn't too bothered about tying the knot with Camila.

"Am I getting married in the future? Not today," he says. "I don't have any plans for it."

With several movies under his belt and a sex symbol image to boot, he has had to get used

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to increased interest in his personal life, especially since baby Levi came along.

"I personally don't choose to retreat or hide out," he says. "I didn't know what the hell stardom was about and didn't expect it," he adds. "I like how it's going. I'm happy."

Things may have changed for the actor in the past 20 years, but he says Levi's arrival hasn't altered his way of life.

He seems pleased to be able to incorporate Levi into his often-nomadic lifestyle.

"We've been to Brazil twice, Italy and France and Germany. And we've gone 7,300 miles on a road-trip in the Airstream (caravan) for 42 days, so we've had a lot of the same adventures we would have had before Levi came along, we've just brought him along with us."

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

### THE BIG BANG THEORY Channel 4, 9.30pm, Thursday

I STUMBLED upon The Big Bang Theory about a year ago, after Channel 4 started screening it on Thursday nights.

Shamelessly under-promoted, this remains one of the better comedy shows out there, and has gathered a real cult following in the States.

Centring on the lives of two college super-brained, flat-sharing geeks, with IQs that make Carol Vorderman look like a village idiot, the pair get into the usual sitcom scrapes.

They juggle their love lives, Klingon Boggle marathons and trying to impress the super hot girl next door, Penny, a waitress with one eye on Hollywood and the other on Leonard, the show's principal lead.

Very much a foil to move the story along, Penny takes the geeks where no geeks have gone before.

It's Jim Parsons' portrayal of the spiky and prodigious Dr Sheldon Cooper that steals the show, though.

Neurotic, exacting to a fault, and with the kind of waspish nature that is often so bizarre it borders on psychotic, it is the kind of turn that steals almost every show – that would steal any show – and should net the actor a gong or two come the next award season.

Even more remarkable is the fact he is actually aged 36 and not once looks out of place playing the role of the physicist still in his early 20s.

Thrown into the mix to keep things interesting are two more oddballs.

There is the sex-obsessed and Jewish mother dominated Howard Wolowitz, who is never one to side-step sleazing his way into any female's affections and Rajesh Koothrappali, the shy one who cannot utter a word



**BIG BANG:** Jim Parsons is simply excellent in his portrayal of uber geek Dr Sheldon Cooper

to any woman he finds attractive.

I can't say this is a total blinder, and the canned laughter can be a little hard to put up with, but TBBT is certainly as good as any other light comedy coming out of America right now.

It's short, snappily written and improving all the time.

It's hard to see that this is going to appeal to anyone who is not into sarcastic fast-moving sitcoms but those who like that sort of thing will most likely appreciate this.

It also has the best theme tune on TV, sung by Barenaked Ladies, a band born to perform such a thing if ever there was.

Perhaps it is the geek, and not the meek, who shall inherit the Earth.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
YOUR conscience is really starting to bother you. Maybe it's time to explain to a colleague where you went wrong. Of course, your relationship will undergo tremendous strain as a result, but at least you'll be giving them a chance to heal. Your financial picture is looking good.  
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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
ARGUMENTS over politics and religion could tear a relationship apart. Avoid such subjects like the plague. If you're in love with someone whose beliefs are radically different, the two of you may have to get counselling. You can no longer avoid the elephant in the room.  
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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
HORRIBLE work or living conditions prompt you to make a change. It may be necessary to move to an unfamiliar area. Although you hate being uprooted like this, it's better than stewing in your own juices. A pay raise or lucrative job could finally be awarded to you.  
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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
ABUSIVE behaviour can no longer be tolerated. You've got a high threshold for this kind of nonsense, but enough is enough. When you face up to this tormentor, they'll back down. If you have to resort to underhanded behaviour to make your point, do it; just don't get caught!  
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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
PEER pressure is rearing its ugly head. It looks as though you'll have to break ranks, if only as a way to cut costs. There's no point in going to restaurants or clubs you can't afford. If friends can't understand find more supportive companions. On the romantic front, you're making progress.  
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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
A HANG up could be undermining an intimate relationship. One or both of you needs to come to terms with this problem. Don't be afraid to get help. A costly home improvement project could finally be finished, and the results are impressive and add value to your living space.  
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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
A LOVE affair is heading for the rocks. Although it's fun delving into taboo areas, you need to consider how your actions are affecting innocent people. It's also possible you're developing an addiction to the person in question. Put some space between the two of you, if only short term.  
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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
COMPROMISING your values for the sake of fitting in is a big mistake. No matter how much you think you want a job, relationship or fame, walk away. Healthier options are on the horizon. For now, obey your conscience. An authority figure could reward your noble choice.  
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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
POWER struggles are likely with an overbearing boss. No amount of flattery will help you get around them. You're better off following their orders and let the chips fall where they may. Avoid buying any gadgets, as you'll just have to return them later. Faulty equipment abounds.  
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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
A CONTROLLING friend, workmate or lover is getting on your nerves, assert yourself, before the entire relationship goes south. Continuing to give in to their demands is undermining your self esteem. Don't reveal somebody's secret, or you'll pay a hefty price for your indiscretion.  
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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
CONDITIONS at home have become unbearable. Your family is pressuring you to adopt values that make no sense for your lifestyle. It's more important to satisfy yourself than fit in. If that means suspending communications with certain relatives, so be it. Patience will be rewarded.  
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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
YOUR overbearing behaviour is starting to chafe on family members. As much as you hate to admit it, you cannot save people from themselves. If somebody decides to take a dangerous path, get out of their way. If you're dealing with a youngster, try to see things from their view.  
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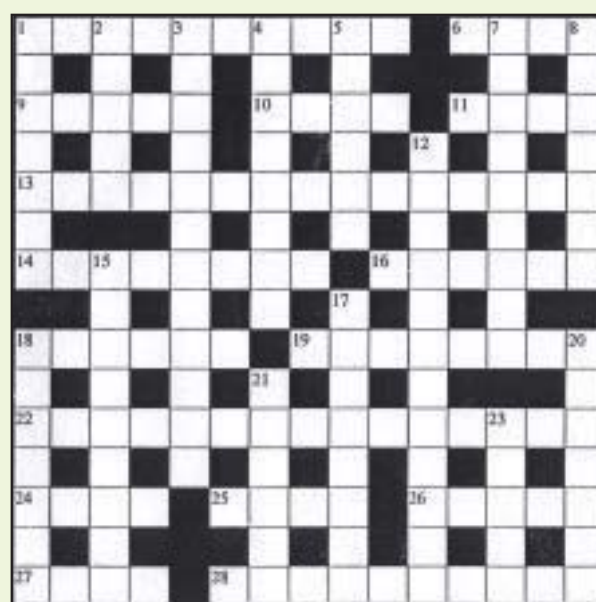
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- 1 Live stroke in advance (10)  
6 Which French duke had money? (4)  
9 Go over again corn initially during harvest (5)  
10 Drop off at twelve almost (4)  
11 Tie at speed (4)  
13 Handy drawing (9,6)  
14 Contained in old records vicar Hal unearthed (8)  
16 Lady in network (6)  
18 Indian child in nursery (6)  
19 Polly got round multilingualist (8)  
22 One who is shy pressing only one flower (9,6)  
24 Reported girl with wrong cat (4)  
25 You had resistance leaving trio (4)  
26 Excited Ada up from Italian city (5)  
27 Expedition leader went inside parched nest (4)  
28 Song rather discordant not designed to go the distance (5-5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Clerical overhead? (7)  
2 In a terrific hurry to get a cape (5)  
3 Bringing out for at least the second time (12)  
4 Hurried, say, on a road to refuge (8)  
5 Open end of tube (6)  
7 Strained one French note (9)  
8 Did include square revolutionary who had been abandoned (7)  
12 Thin bird, one getting into the water with nothing on (6-6)  
15 Space allowed for removal of obstructions (9)  
17 Long-jumper, not MP, becoming itinerant minstrel (8)  
18 Actors went first and changed positions (7)  
20 In laboratory, measure speed of small bird? (7)  
21 The last Henry's position (6)  
23 Eland struggled weighed down (5)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Incomparable (10)  
6 Bible passage (4)  
9 Deceive (5)  
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11 Anniversary of death (4)  
13 Veal cutlet (6,9)  
14 Condemn openly (8)  
16 Mixture (6)  
18 Cheerful (6)  
19 Armorial (8)  
22 Very pure (6,4,5)  
24 Milky gem (4)  
25 Gold-coloured (4)  
26 Drunkard (5)

#### DOWN

- 27 Always (4)  
28 Famous (10)  
1 Not overcome (7)  
2 Avoid (5)  
3 Not often visited (12)  
4 Languishing with amorous desire (8)  
5 Elijah's successor (6)  
7 Acted fraudulently (9)  
8 Wholly (7)  
12 Effervescent drink (7,5)  
15 Wink (9)  
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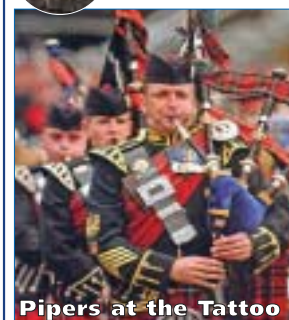
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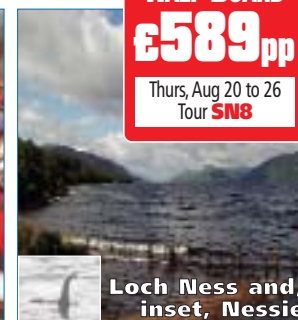
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# Jordan reveals its ancient secrets

BY KELLY MACNAMARA

WE are perched high above the valley in the magnificent Dana Nature Reserve, looking west across the vast Dana Valley towards the horizon where Jordan comes to an end.

Jordan's story is a complex one. Positioned at the crossroads of inter-continental trade routes, it has been an important conquest for many an ambitious empire. All the big hitters of the ancient world – Babylonians, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Persians and finally the British – ruled it at one time or another.

Today, Jordan is an oasis of calm in a region racked by bitter dispute. It is encircled by instability, with Iraq on its north-east border, Israel and the Palestinian territories to the west and Syria in the north.

Dana's wonderful Rummana Campsite on the 76,000-acre reserve is home to about 600 species of plants, 37 species of mammals and 190 species of birds, and is the perfect place to discover the wilder side of Jordan.

Arriving after a sumptuous lunch at the Dana Guesthouse, which included a mouth-watering selection of local cuisine and jaw-dropping views, I travelled with a small group to the campsite on a remote plateau with its cluster of sail-white tents surrounded by serene red mountains.

Our host is Saleh, a Bedouin whose eloquence is matched by his evident enchantment with the place where his family has lived for generations.

He takes me on a short hike rich with observations: which rock to climb for the best views; the onion-like plant favoured by local hedge-



**OASIS OF CALM:** The dramatic landscape of the Dana Valley in Jordan is revealed to visitors by Bedouin guides

hogs; a badger sett; the paw print of a lynx in the dust.

My next stop is another of Jordan's mysteries – the ancient city of Petra.

Built by the industrious Nabatean people, this legendary city deep inside a narrow desert gorge once dominated the trading routes of ancient Arabia, sheltering caravans laden with Indian spices and African ivory.

Walking through corridors of sheer rock torn open in a prehistoric earthquake, I am struck by the otherworldliness of the place.

A steep climb in the murderous heat is rewarded by the ethereal monastery, and a chilled drink at a mountain-top cafe.

My bed for the night awaits amid the whispering mountains of Wadi Rum, in south-west Jordan. This is Lawrence of Arabia country: rugged, silent and awe-inspiring.

After a few days' camping in Jordan's wild, arid interior, it is time to get my feet wet.

Heading south, I don a snorkel to explore the Red Sea coral reef and potter around this colourful underwater garden for an afternoon, before coming up for a fish lunch.

My final destination is water of a less hospitable kind. Circled by a glittering necklace of salt crystals, the Dead Sea is a cruel irony in a country with such water problems. Dense with salt, you cannot drink it or swim in it, and the only creatures able to live in it are two hardy species of bacteria.

Walking in, your legs are pushed from under you and you bob about like a cork.

Conflict may be more than a minor character in Jordan's grand narrative, but its warm, sanguine people and extraordinary landscape are the real story.

## FACT FILE: JORDAN

Time difference	+ 2/3 hours (GMT)
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Capital	Amman
Population	4.4 million
Religion	Majority Sunni Muslims
Currency	Dinar
Climate	Arid

## Travel facts

Kelly Macnamara was a guest of the Jordan Tourism Board and flew direct to Amman from Heathrow with bmi, which costs from £494 return. Regional connections to London from Aberdeen, Glasgow and Manchester cost from about £80 return.

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You can book most camping spots, including Dana, through The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature website ([www.rscn.org.jo](http://www.rscn.org.jo)).

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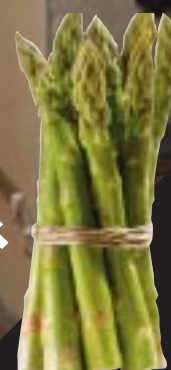
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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Gloom hasn't lifted says builders' survey

THE latest State of Trade Survey from the Federation of Master Builders makes for gloomy reading.

It reports that a total of 73 per cent of small building firms have seen a decline in workloads. A further 66 per cent reported a decline for the commercial property sector in the first quarter of 2009. Although morale was reported to be poor with builders' expectations at a low level, there was one note of cheer.

In the non-residential public sector some 14 per cent of FMB builders saw their workloads increase.

Richard Diment, director-general of the FMB, said: "Given the weak economic outlook, the negative workload responses from FMB builders are hardly surprising as this general gloom surrounding the UK's future economic prospects convinces many companies to put expansions, moves, and new office building on hold for the foreseeable future."

The survey indicated there may be a slowing in the rate of decline in private housing, public non-residential new build, and public non-residential repair and maintenance.

### Ways to help people up the property ladder

WARD Homes has reported a strong sales performance in the first three months of the year, adding to hopes that the worst of the economic downturn has passed.

The company has already sold 79 homes in 2009. The company says its success is down to competitive prices and deals to suit all kinds of buyers.

All but 10 homes have now been sold at Kings Hill, near West Malling, and just seven homes remain in the current phase at Eden Village, Sittingbourne.

Throughout the region, properties are selling at a rate of nearly two per week.

"We have seen a strong performance in terms of the number of homes sold and visitors to our sites in the last few months as more and more people realise that now could be the time to buy," said Tim Nabbs, sales director at Ward Homes.

"We have a number of ways to help our customers move up the property ladder."

"If you're a first time buyer you could move in for just 70 per cent of the price under the HomeBuy Direct scheme, which we operate in conjunction with the Government's Homes and Communities Agency."



# Housing market shows signs of revival for buyers but not sellers

■ BY NICK AMES

**BUYERS** have been returning to the property market during the spring, according to a new survey.

The National Association of Estate Agents has seen a small increase in house sales.

This follows reports this week from the Council of Mortgage Lenders and HM Revenue & Customs who said lending and agreed sales were on the up.

However, the association has said the Chancellor Alistair Darling missed an opportunity to help the housing market in the Budget.

Signs the market was bottoming out have been approached cautiously in recent weeks, with experts warning the housing market is still in a fragile state.

However, the association research found the number of house hunters registering with estate agents was up 12 per cent, with the number of agreed sales per agent increased from eight to nine, from February to March.

The average house price, however, was 6.38 per cent lower than the actual asking price, although this appears to have drawn first-time buyers back into the market.

Association member Richard Copus said: "The market has definitely been showing signs of a revival in March. But like the weather, it is likely to be changeable and must be treated with caution."

Experts said the increased sales per agent were "the largest average figure for more than a year and a great source of optimism for the industry", with the number of house hunters at their highest levels for a year, indicating home buyer confidence was returning. However, the story for sellers was somewhat more pes-



**SELLING UP:** Experts warn the market is still in a fragile state despite a reported increase in the number of house hunters

simistic, with the average number of properties on estate agents books falling from 74 in February to 67 in March.

An association spokesman said: "This is a potentially worrying indicator, as it suggests that sellers are not confident of getting the best possible price for their property."

"It is likely to reflect a view that the period of consistent house price falls is coming to an end - meaning those with property to sell feel it might better serve their interests to delay for a number of months and try to catch an upturn."

Lee Bramzell, chief executive of PropertyIndex.com, said: "Over

recent months we have seen a steady trickle of positive news from across the housing industry, suggesting that buyers really are being tempted back into the market."

"While we still have a long way to go before we return to strong house price growth I believe the tide is beginning to turn."

"Many buyers now believe that the bottom of the market is approaching and as a result, they are starting to take action to ensure they don't miss out."

The association earlier said Mr Darling should have done more to help first time buyers returning to the market, and that his extension on the Stamp Duty threshold

will do little to encourage them to buy their first home.

Chris Brown, president said: "This is a token gesture that will be presented as a benefit to first-time buyers but is in reality irrelevant to two thirds of them."

"Our figures show that first-time buyers came back to the market in droves in January, making up 25 per cent of sales."

"The figure has only dipped slightly since then and in March was 23 per cent. The Chancellor's measures will do little to consolidate that resurgence in interest."

"If the number falls again next month then we will know that confidence is dropping in the wake of a botched Budget."

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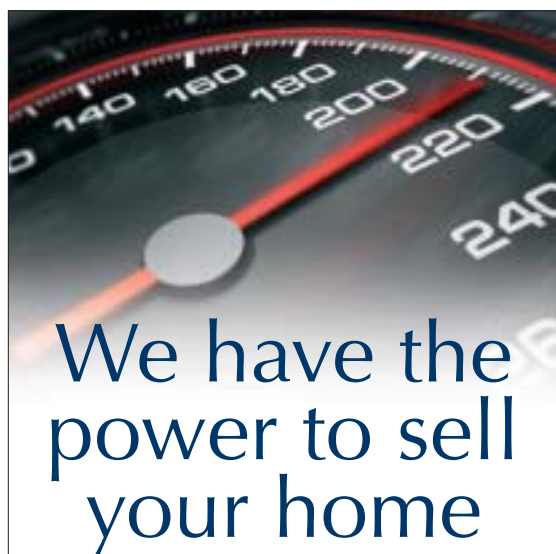
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### Scrappage scheme dream deal options

ONE benefit of the Budget's £2,000 scrap-page scheme is the decent discounts never available before on certain cars.

Nowhere is this more obvious than on BMW and Mini (pictured) models and there are even offers over and above the Government scheme.

Someone keen to upgrade to a new BMW, for instance, could get a 116i Sport for £242 a month, with zero deposit and immediately save money through the car's eco-friendly EfficientDynamics technology – on top of a total discount/grant of £3,260.



### 'Optimal Auris' brings more go and less gas

MOST manufacturers offer eco versions of key models, but Toyota is 'greening' whole car ranges after dismantling the internal combustion engine and re-assembling it in new 'Optimal Drive' powertrains.

These save money and the conscience with apparently contradictory benefits: more power plus better economy with lower CO2 emissions/road tax, and are now available in revised Auris family hatch models (from £12,900).

The UK-built 131bhp 1.6-litre petrol option offers nine per cent better economy, eight per cent lower CO2 emissions and six per cent than before.



### Octavia troupers stage comeback

HAVING upgraded mainstream Octavia versions in late 2008, Skoda has unveiled sporty vRS and rugged Scout facelifts.

The vRS option has been a huge success for the VW-owned Czech brand; 70 per cent have sold in the estate format as a cut-price performance load lugger to rival BMW and Audi's finest.

The Scout, with its rough and tough adds-ons, 4x4 and high-riding stance, has also been popular with those needing some go anywhere ability without big off-roader bodywork. Prices are to be confirmed.



**IMPROVEMENT:** The Hyundai i10 was launched with a 1.1 litre engine – that has now been replaced by a livelier and smoother 1.2 litre unit which takes the car to another level

# Hyundai i10 catches up thanks to engine upgrade

## ROAD TEST HYUNDAI i10

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Head and legroom for all and comfort levels are good and this high-roof car can be crammed like a van when rear seats are folded.

Some textured trimming looks cheap though and the steering wheel feels low rent on Classic and Comfort spec; I would not normally advocate going for any top spec model, but a leather-covered wheel is just one luxury to recommend our flagship i10 Style test car (£8,195).

It costs £1,100 more than poverty spec Classic, but you get alloys, heated front seats, a storage tray beneath the passenger seat, an electric sun-roof and rear spoiler.

That's on top of generous standard kit including air-con and front electric windows, plus some thoughtful design.

The boot, for instance, is not only spacious for this class, but has two bins beneath the floor as well as a compartmentalised tray above the space saver spare wheel – plenty of stowage to capture those odds 'n' sods that accumulate.

It is a motoring package a long way from the Hyundai of five years ago, yet still has the famous five-year warranty and value for money that kept the brand in the game while catching up with European carmakers.



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## BUDGET ALTERNATIVES

SCRAPPING your old car in exchange for £2,000 towards a new one dominated motoring headlines in the latest Budget, but this still leaves some drivers short of cash to upgrade. Fortunately, the used market offers many used city cars and superminis and most are frugal; some even fall into the desirable £35/year road tax banding. Even if they don't, fuel savings should soon make you happier with trading up to or downsizing to something more in step with greener and more wallet-friendly motoring. Check this trio of alternative budget deals.

### FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S baby was deservedly European Car of the Year in 2004. It shows that a space efficient interior does not have to go with a dull utilitarian exterior – the Panda could function as a van, but looks far more interesting. The distinctive five-door Italian is also fun to drive and cheap to tax, insure and fuel, yet features cutting-edge technology. A lively turbodiesel option – averaging 65+mpg – rugged 4x4 version and hot 100hp model add to the line-up's attractions.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### HYUNDAI GETZ



IT is ageing now, but the Getz signalled Hyundai's arrival on the European motor scene, with a thoroughly modern supermini. It does not excel in any area really, but neither does the Korean car fall short anywhere either. Available in three and five-door form with a five-year warranty, it also has some engines in road tax band-B, including an efficient diesel. Securing a good deal – with some warranty intact.

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FABIA	1 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 70 BHP (DIESEL)	GD08FMJ	JULY '08	8344	BLACK MAGIC	£8,290.00
FABIA	1 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 70 BHP (DIESEL)	GD08FMK	JULY '08	9609	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£8,290.00
FABIA	1 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 70 BHP (DIESEL)	GD08FML	JULY '08	6035	TANGERINE ORANGE	£8,290.00
FABIA	1 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 70 BHP (DIESEL)	GD08FMO	JULY '08	8132	STORM BLUE	£8,290.00
FABIA	ELEGANCE 5DR ESTATE	1.4 16v 100 BHP (PETROL)	Y506TKM	APRIL '01	69629	DIAMOND SILVER	£3,990.00
FABIA	ELEGANCE 5DR ESTATE	2.0 MPI (PETROL)	KX52HMM	OCTOBER '02	35377	OCEAN GREEN	£4,790.00
FABIA	ELEGANCE 5DR ESTATE	1.9 TDi 100 BHP (DIESEL)	FH04BHZ	JUNE '04	60067	STONE GREY	£4,500.00
OCTAVIA	GLX 5DR HATCH	2.0 MPI (PETROL)	X7350BW	OCTOBER '00	72592	PETROL GREEN	£2,990.00
OCTAVIA	CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.6 FSI 105 BHP (PETROL)	GF05TKK	APRIL '05	24853	STONE GREY	£5,790.00
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OCTAVIA	AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	2.0 FSI AUTO (PETROL)	GK55NNR	OCTOBER '05	31887	GRAPHITE GREY	£6,500.00
OCTAVIA	AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi DSG (DIESEL)	EF07LHR	MAY '07	41701	DYNAMIC BLUE	£8,990.00
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OCTAVIA	ELEGANCE 5DR ESTATE	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GF08VEV	APRIL '08	5570	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£12,990.00
SUPERB	COMFORT 4DR SALOON	1.9 TDi 130 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ52WCA	DECEMBER '02	59701	CANADIAN GREEN	£5,490.00
SUPERB	COMFORT 4DR SALOON	1.9 TDi 130 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ55OLV	SEPTEMBER '05	68889	SAHARA BEIGE	£6,990.00
SUPERB	ELEGANCE 4DR SALOON	2.0 TDi DSG (DIESEL)	GJ58MMX	SEPTEMBER '08	2340	CANDY WHITE	£18,490.00

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FABIA	2 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2008 – 08	TBA	SATIN GREY	£12,185.00	£3,695.00	£8,490.00
FABIA	2 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2008 – 58	TBA	BLACK MAGIC	£12,240.00	£2,450.00	£9,790.00
FABIA	2 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDi 80 BHP (DIESEL)	2008 – 58	TBA	TANGERINE ORANGE	£12,560.00	£2,570.00	£9,990.00
FABIA	2 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2008 – 58	TBA	SATIN GREY	£12,925.00	£2,435.00	£10,490.00
FABIA	2 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2008 – 58	TBA	SATIN GREY	£13,310.00	£2,820.00	£10,490.00
FABIA	2 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDi 105 BHP (DIESEL)	2008 – 58	TBA	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£13,310.00	£2,820.00	£10,490.00
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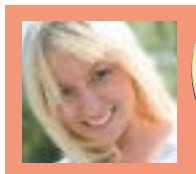
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Easysgoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTm loving, caring white male, 35-47, for long-term, loving relationship. No time-wasters. Box 444214 **1**

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

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Love young lady, 33, 5ft8, cuddly larger build, single mum, seeking kind, caring, honest and genuine man for friendship...hopefully more. Box 450371 **1**

### CHATHAM UP!

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778 **1**

### CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTm nice, kind gent. Box 439402 **1**

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Petite, dark-haired girl, 33, 5ft, fit, loves badminton, cinema and more, searching for an active man, with heart and soul. Box 881047 **1**

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Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 **1**

### LIVING IT

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### GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **1**

## HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **1**

## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **1**

## LOOKING FOR A LOVING CHAP

Asford-based woman looking for an honest, friendly, caring and loving man. I have two kids and enjoy the usual things in life. Box 446985 **1**

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## WISHFULLY YOURS

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## SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **1**

## MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 **1**

## BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **1**

## CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 **1**

## DON'T LET ME DOWN

Pretty, black female, 38, 5ft4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446884 **1**

## ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

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## JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **1**

## TIME TO LIVE AGAIN

Lovely 40yr old mum, average build, brown hair, blue eyes, 5ft2, bubbly and GSOH...would like friendship and maybe more with the right man. Box 880149 **1**

## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **1**

## NO TIRED

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573 **1**

## WHERE LOVE TAKES US

Attractive woman with a great personality to go with, looking to meet a fit, tall, well-built black male, 35-55, for fun times and hopefully romance. Box 450650 **1**

## A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTm a genuine white male with GSOH for a fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890 **1**

## A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a loyal, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079 **1**

## FANCY A DRINK?

Hi I'm Judith, 40, small, blonde hair, blue eyes, love the sea and water-sports, cinema, animals; WLTm fun-loving guy for friendship and see what happens. Box 448107 **1**

## ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 447396 **1**

## COSY TIMES TOGETHER

Fun-loving female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545 **1**

## ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trustworthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451469 **1**

## LET'S CLUCK

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## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **1**

## COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **1**

## A FINE ROMANCE

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44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **1**

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Looking for a positive, forward-looking man. I'm 64, slim, 5ft8, attractive, with a good attitude and various interests. Maidstone. Box 451429 **1**

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Church of England School  
Meadow Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 7LS  
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HEADTEACHER: Mrs A Southgate BDAKC  
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Main Pay Scale

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## Saint George's Church of England School

Humanities College

Meadow Road, Gravesend  
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Tel: 01474 533082 Fax: 01474 561536  
HEADTEACHER: Mrs A Southgate BDAKC

Church of England, Voluntary Aided, Humanities College  
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## TEACHER OF HUMANITIES

Required for September 2009  
Main Pay Scale

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### US firm picks Kent for its first office abroad

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The 24 Hour Company, helped by Locate in Kent, the investment promotion agency for Kent and Medway, has chosen an office unit at Medway Innovation Centre in Rochester.

It will mean new jobs in the area over the next few years.

Director Colleen Jolly said: "We are really thrilled to be opening our first office outside America. We felt that Kent was the ideal business location due to its transport links to London and Europe."

Paul Wookey, chief executive at Locate in Kent, said: "There is a good level of interest in Kent from US companies. Since 2007, we have helped eight American-based businesses make nearly £1.5m worth of investment in the county."

### Women's networking groups on the increase

BUSINESSWOMEN have been flocking to some new networking groups which have sprung up in west Kent over the last few years – and now they're aiming to spread across the rest of the county.

Called 12.30 groups – because that's the time they were originally held – they've become so successful that the first franchise model for them is being piloted.

The pilot franchise is being run by hypnotherapist Mandy Shepherd and Karen Wilkinson, who runs a cleaning firm. They already run groups in Kings Hill and Southborough, and they are opening one in Maidstone on May 20.

Other groups in Dartford, Beckenham, Sevenoaks and Bromley are run by managers.

The idea was launched by Bromley businesswomen Jackie Groundsell and Penny Denby. Details on [www.1230.co.uk](http://www.1230.co.uk)

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Julie Maddocks speaks to Canterbury Independent Traders Association

# Disappointment with Darling as he fails to go for mediator idea

■ BY TONY PATEY

BOSSSES of one of the UK's leading business organisations are fuming that Chancellor Alistair Darling didn't take up an idea which they said would help most of the firms in Kent.

More than nine out of 10 county businesses are small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) – and the area branch of the Federation of Small Businesses has been campaigning for a 'corporate mediator' to help build relations between banks and SMEs.

The FSB, which has 7,000 members in the county, has been saying for some time that the key problems facing SMEs are cash flow worries caused mainly by firms being paid later than usual – and lack of credit when needed from banks.

Debasish Sen, vice-chairman of FSB Kent and Medway, said: "I'm very disappointed that the Chancellor has not even considered the idea of a mediator. A recent poll by the FSB revealed that over 70 per cent of small businesses wish to see a corporate mediator."

"This clearly reflects the frustration that many small businesses are having when trying to talk to their bank. The element of decision making at the bank at local level seems to have gone forever."

"A corporate mediator to resolve these problems would represent both sides in disputes and discussions and de-politicise the whole issue of bank lending. I believe this would re-establish trust between banks and businesses during the recession and guide the economy into recovery."

Chairman Roger House said: "It is high time the Government took some serious action and built bridges between the banks and the small businesses which keep our economy moving."

"The Government has run high-profile PR events aimed at communities suggesting they are coming out to 'meet and listen' where transparently this degenerates into a complete lack of innovative decision-making."

"If we are to come out of this economic crisis we need leadership and new thinking; business it seems could deliver both better than Government."

"The future health of our economy depends on mending the relationship between small business and the banks; small firms and entrepreneurs need confidence to take the risks to innovate, grow and create jobs and take us out of the recession."

"In order to do this, they need to regain their faith in the banking system."

"Small businesses have identified a corporate mediator, one which works similarly to those in France and Belgium, as key to this revival."

They said that an independent go-between, brokering agreement on decisions which are at a stalemate, including bank lending to small firms, should have been included in the Budget – but there wasn't even a mention of it.

Relationships between banks and SMEs have been deteriorating. The FSB's research shows that around a third of small businesses consider their bank to be less helpful than before the downturn.



**NO GO-BETWEEN:** Alistair Darling ignored company bosses' calls for a mediator for banks and businesses

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**FINGERS CROSSED:** Geoff Arnold is hoping for a full-time contract at Kent

## Bowling coach wants full-time post at Kent

### CRICKET

EXPERIENCED bowling coach Geoff Arnold hopes he has done enough with Kent's attack to be given a contract to work with the county's pace bowlers for the whole summer.

The former England fast bowler was released as Surrey's bowling coach at the end of last season and joined Kent as a bowling consultant in pre-season.

The 64-year-old's future at the club will be decided when director of cricket Graham Ford joins up with the Kent squad and Arnold hopes he will be given a chance to continue in the role.

He said: "I want to coach for as long as possible. Although I'm pushing the retirement age I don't want to retire because I feel I have still got a lot to offer the game. "I am fit enough to do catching and fielding in practice so it's wait and see what Kent want to do really."

Kent's problems with extras last season, particularly no-balls, is something Arnold has been working on trying to eradicate during pre-season.

He said: "It is something we have been looking at, but I always believe it's a self-discipline thing, you have got to hit a mark but some bowlers don't do that and then wonder why they get hit for runs."

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**Gills boss Mark Stimson** discusses the club's biggest games of the season



**KOLPAK RETURN?** Wayne Parnell says he is interested in a return to Kent after playing for South Africa in the World Twenty20 tournament in England during June

# Parnell leaves door open for St Lawrence return

### CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT'S new overseas fast bowler Wayne Parnell could return to the county after playing in the World Twenty20 with South Africa – but as a Kolpak player.

The South African international is expected to be named in the Proteas' side for the Twenty20 competition in England that begins on June 1, with his six-week contract at St Lawrence due to end on May 21.

The World Twenty20 ends with the show-piece final at Lord's on June 21 which, if agreed, would leave Parnell with a window to rejoin the county for the final three months of the season.

The 19-year-old left-arm fast bowler, who took 4-79 and scored a brisk 69 in Kent's first innings in the County Championship against Essex, told this newspaper he would be happy to return to St Lawrence later in the summer.

"I am supposed to leave on May 21 as I'm hoping to make the South Africa World T20 squad later on so it will give me a few days before that

starts," he said. "After that I will reassess where I am. If I do well there is a possibility I will return, but we will have to see. It's a good set-up at Kent with a good bunch of guys with a good mixture of young and experienced players so hopefully I can do well."

Kent's chairman, George Kennedy, said that signing Parnell after the World Twenty20 is over was something the county are looking into.

Although, Rob Key's inclusion in the England's squad for the competition means Kent may have to find an overseas opening batsman to fill in, but Kennedy hopes Parnell could return, potentially as a Kolpak player.

"It's certainly in the pipeline," he said. "The only problem is if we bring in another overseas player once he has gone and we are looking into that for more than one reason. If he did come

back it could be as a Kolpak player, but these things are becoming more complex. On the evidence of one game though, he is the kind of player we want at the club."

Having been watched by Kent's exiled director of cricket, Graham Ford, Parnell was approached by the county with a proposition to join for an initial six-week stint.

The young quick bowler, who made his One-Day International debut in Australia in January, jumped at the chance to play county cricket as a way of preparing for this summer's Twenty20 tournament.

He said: "During the third One-Day International against Australia in South Africa, the club contacted my agent.

"He phoned me after the game to tell me Kent were interested because Stuart Clark had been re-called by the Aussies. With the World T20 being in England it will hopefully give me experience of bowling on these types of wickets.

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# Gills could be quids in as chief eyes Wembley visit

## FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM begin their play-off semi-final at Rochdale tomorrow knowing promotion at Wembley later this month would be worth at least £1 million.

Mark Stimson's side travelled north today ahead of the first leg at Spotland, with a sell-out predicted at Priestfield for Sunday's deciding game.

The winners will progress to Wembley and net around £500,000 from the Football League, with promotion worth at least the same again thanks to bigger revenues in League One.

Mark Jones, the club's chief executive, told Yourmedway he would have preferred the security of automatic promotion but agreed the play-offs were a more lucrative route.

"We could generate half a million pounds if we went to Wembley," he said. "I would rather take being in League One now, it would generate much more money for the club in terms of bigger gates, more television revenue and sponsorship. But if you could guarantee we would go up through the play-offs then I would take that every time."

If Gills were to contest the final it would

net them around twice what they earned from their FA Cup campaign, which culminated in a televised third round tie against Aston Villa in January. Even a defeat for Gillingham in the semi-finals would see them scoop about £100,000.

The unexpected money is a timely bonus for the club, which announced losses of £1.2 million for the year ending last October. The accounts also revealed debts in excess of £3.5 million.

Gills will travel with confidence after beating Rochdale 1-0 in the final game of the regular season on Saturday. Stimson rested several key players for the game, with Simon Royce, Simon King, Andy Barcham and Simeon Jackson all unused substitutes.

Curtis Weston scored the only goal of the game in the first half. The victory, the club's ninth league win on the road this season, cemented a fifth place finish in League Two – just three points shy of the automatic promotion places.

The rested quartet should all return to the starting line-up as Gills look to preserve a perfect record in the play-off semi-finals. On their three previous appearances in the post-season competition they have never lost, with the most recent coming nine years ago as they beat Stoke en route to sealing promotion to the Championship.

Log on to [www.yourmedway.co.uk](http://www.yourmedway.co.uk) for the latest news from the camp as Gills aim to book their first appearance at the new Wembley.



Picture: ADY KERRY

**DREAM DATE:** Gills play Rochdale twice in three days this week for a place in the lucrative League Two play-off final at Wembley



## TEAM TALK

with Gills skipper  
**BARRY FULLER**

## 'We're in good form for the play-offs'

I THINK it would be an understatement to say we're looking forward to the play-off games this week. Everyone is buzzing for the semi-finals and we can't wait to get started against Rochdale, particularly after beating them on Saturday.

We all knew we would probably be facing them again this week, but I felt before the game whatever the result was it wouldn't have much impact on the play-off games. Both teams made lots of changes and the teams might be very different for the first leg tomorrow. However, it was a great way to finish the league season and showed the strength in our squad. Some of the players who came in might give the gaffer a bit of a headache about selection, but that's a great position to be in.

We're going into the play-offs in good form, four games unbeaten which has boosted our confidence ahead of what are the biggest games of my career.

I played in the FA Trophy final at Wembley when I was at Stevenage which was very important to the club, but the play-offs are bigger than a one-off final because promotion's at stake.

It's a chance to help get this club back where it belongs and it's a huge incentive to help make up for last season. No one likes getting relegated at any point in their career so to bounce straight back would be brilliant.

Whatever happens tomorrow the home fans will have a big role to play in the second leg on Sunday. Hopefully it's sold out like the Villa game in the FA Cup – that was a brilliant atmosphere and could really make the difference.

## Medway make way to Kent Vase final

Ashford 11 Medway 32

CLINICAL finishing late on saw Medway sweep a tiring Ashford aside to book their place in the Kent Vase final.

The game was tight until the final 20 minutes, when the home side let a narrow lead slip before crumbling against the Kent 1 champions.

Both sides made wholesale changes and blooded several youngsters for the game. The hosts were on top early on and took the lead with a try from Joe Lakin. Colin Chapman dived over just before the break to send the sides in all square.

JJ Murray kicked penalties either side of a Rob Ellis try to give Ashford a slender 11-10 lead after an hour.

But Medway have made a habit out of finishing strongly this season and they again rose to the occasion.

Tries from Roger Rhyneheart and Ellis, the latter converted by Glen Wadsworth, gave the visitors a 22-11 lead.

Darren Kistner and Rhyneheart rubbed salt into the Ashford wounds with late tries which saw Medway run out comfortable winners.

Taff Gwilliam's team face Old Gravesendians in the final at Aylesford this Sunday in a repeat of last year's final.



**VASE:** Rob Ellis in Medway's semi-final win

Picture: ALAN BOURNE



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**DESPAIR:** Montell Douglas (left) and GB 100m relay team-mates Emma Aniaa (centre) and Emily Freeman after the baton mix-up which cost them a medal

## Baton mix-up was a big learning curve for sprinter

ONLY a medal at the 2009 World Athletics Championships will erase the memory of a bittersweet Beijing Olympics for sprinter Montell Douglas.

The athlete, who grew up in Chatham, is gearing up for the outdoor season. Although 2008 was her most successful year to date, the Olympic relay final mix-up still haunts her.

Even though eight months have passed since the incident, Douglas is eager to banish the Beijing disappointment by performing at the World Athletics Championships in Berlin in August.

She said: "The relay final was one of those things. Teams in the past have dropped the baton both in the men's and women's race. It was a massive missed opportunity for myself and the team. I think the only thing that would eclipse the disappointment would be to come back with a world championship medal."

## ATHLETICS

Douglas broke the long-standing women's British 100m sprint record to make the team for Beijing, but the 23-year-old's experience was overshadowed by an error in the 4x100m relay final. A mix-up between Douglas and Emily Freeman in the final saw Great Britain disqualified as they failed to complete the baton change over.

This summer will be Douglas's second appearance at the World Championships after making her debut in Osaka in Japan in 2007. Douglas only reached the quarter-final stage in the individual 100m sprint competition, but was part of the Great Britain team that finished fourth in the 4x100m final.

After spending last month warm weather training in San Diego, Douglas intends to begin her competitive season in June.

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